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Dear Karen,

Last night I did get an invitation to the NYU law school symposium. It appears to ~~have~~ be as at Boston U, not a school function.

I had expected to turn this invitation down when I'd been told that I'd accepted before being asked but for what I decided are good reasons Jim Mesar urged me to go so when my conditions were met I agreed.

They are to pay my transportation costs in advance and provide a decent but not expensive hotel and nominal sums for food. (The latter limitations are mine, not theirs. I don't live it up and won't on the money of others.)

They will do this in advance so I'll not be laying out money I don't have.

And it is agreed that I'll say what I want to say, not have a subject assigned.

However, the dates are ~~4/22~~ 4/22 through 4/24. This means I'll probably have to leave the 21st. And I'll probably stay in New York an extra day to try to do other things that need the effort.

It also means that they picked exactly the same days you did.

Unless they back out on the arrangements I'll be going.

To say what needs saying.

I think it will be provocative.

And it is past time for this saying.

I don't know when your school ends. As of now the only other day I know I'm tied up is 4/30 when I have to be in court to help a young man who got into trouble.

So you can do your planning. Let me tell you exactly where we are. A friend who used to live right in Pittsburgh once told me his driving time was four hours. He used to use various roads. I believe the fastest is I70N. Well, we are about five minutes from its first Frederick exit.

For the future let me tell you that this exit merges into the old road westward from Washington, US 40 W, abreast of where we are. It is important to take this first Frederick exit or you'll drive around needlessly and waste time.

So you'll be coming off of I70N into the eastbound lane of US40W. As soon as you do get into the left-hand of this lane's two lanes because you will immediately cross over at the very first cross-over. It is directly opposite and leads into a small country road, Bowers Lane. Take it for about a half mile to Shookstown Road, where there is a stopsign and an apparent dead end. Turn left about three city blocks to the first cross road, Old Receiver Road. Turn right on it for .3 miles and we are in the patch of woods on the right, the house hidden from the road. It is marked by a new, large mailbox that has no name stencilled on it and a white Washington Post box on top on which my name is crayoned. A few carlengths past these boxes is the entrance to our lane.

There is an unclearly marked fork on Old Receiver Road. At it stay to the left.

We can't be more than a mile from the I70N exit. Thus you can figure your travel time.

Perhaps when you know the time a long weekend can be a substitute. If nothing alters my present plans.

My wife's daily employment ends the middle of the previous week. She does not yet know if she'll be working two days a week thereafter as she did last year and the year before.

You will know what your possibilities are. My purpose is to help you figure out what you'd like to do. While I am generally home, there infrequently are these kinds of developments. I prefer not to leave home because I ache to get back to writing and that can't happen if I allow other work, like making and mailing packages, to accumulate. The only other event I can now anticipate is a trip to Los Angeles to do a TV show. They'll pay my expenses and I'll stay in L.A. a couple of days and will return via San Francisco. While I'm away I try to do all I can so I don't know how long I'll actually be gone. Probably a week unless there is some kind of good luck.

That show tapes Mondays and Tuesdays. Best regards,

Dear Karen,

3/29/75 p.m.

Several hours after I mailed the letter I received a so-sorry phone call.

Seems like they gave me the wrong dates.

And sponsorship.

What I'm now told is the correct time- and I hope it is - is April 25-7.

A weekend, which makes more sense.

And the sponsor is the Student Bar Association of New York University.

That is located downtown, in or on the edges of Greenwich Village.

Admission for the three days is to be only \$6.00 but they expect many and I think there will be many. Very many.

I think it is called the Washington Square campus. If I remember correctly, that is the edge of the old Greenwich Village.

Several member of Congress are to be there. The names I remember are Abzug and Biaggi. So are Shirley McLaine, Marlon Brando, Robert Vaughn and Geraldo Rivera.

This means that the 22 and 23 and the morning of the 24 are o.k. here. I'll be leaving on the 24th but I'm not sure when. In time to get to NYU before supper certainly, perhaps in the afternoon. depends on what I'll try to do that day, if anything. When I'm there I should try to use the time. And I want to avoid being too tired at the shindig.

Would you care to get here the afternoon or evening of the 21st, if that is possible?

I'm busy that morning only, so far as I now know.

I am filing more suits. When you are here I'll show you what I got when I just started to go through the motions on one. The FBI is supposed to have given me the spectro through Jim yesterday. I doubt they'll come up with it but they are going through the motions of pretending. Jim not having called, I presume there is no reason for excitement.

As of now these are the only reasons I can anticipate for any further changes.

But maybe it would be good to have your phone.

Best,